

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A composition consisting ~~essentially~~ of:

up to 40 weight percent of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer;

dimethylsulfoxide; and

from ~~about~~ 45 to no more than 60 weight percent of tantalum contrast agent having an average particle size of about 5 microns or less;

wherein the ratio of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer to the tantalum contrast agent is from 0.077 to 0.90 and the weight percent of each component is based on the total weight of the composition; and

further wherein said composition has a viscosity of 150 cSt or higher at 40°C.

Claim 26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the tantalum contrast agent is employed at a concentration of from 45 to 50 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the average particle size of the tantalum contrast agent is from 2 microns to 3 microns.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the concentration of dimethylsulfoxide is from 20 weight percent to less than 58 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 30 (Canceled).